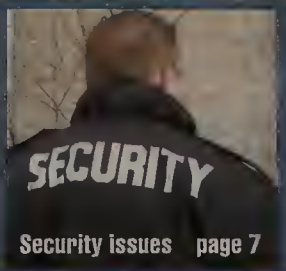


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Canadian Jewish Congress to hold national conference in Ottawa

By Barry Fishman

For the first time in its 85-year history, the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is holding its National Plenary Assembly in Ottawa. The triennial event is a national conference that brings together a wide cross section of community members and leaders from across the country. It takes place Sunday and Monday, June 13 and 14 at the Westin Hotel.

During the Plenary, the new CJC president and officers will be elected for a

three-year term and resolutions and issues will be debated. Plenary resolutions shape the policy mandate for the CJC to pursue on behalf of its electorate. All members of the Jewish community over the age of 18 are eligible to be a voting delegate.

Outgoing CJC National President Keith Landy is delighted that the assembly will be taking place in Ottawa.

"The Ottawa Jewish community is one of the most active and committed in the

country. Time and again we have seen how supportive of major Jewish events it has been. Some of the proudest moments I have had as president have been thanks to the Ottawa community, especially the incredible turnout to the rally on Parliament Hill two years ago."

Vaad Past-President Gerry Levitz is co-chairing the Plenary Assembly, along with Goldie Hershon of Montreal.

"We are so fortunate to

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Artist Elie Benzaquen presents his original portrait of Izzie Asper to Babs Asper and daughter Gail. YRHS honoured the Aspers for their ongoing support. (Photo: Benita Baker)

YRHS honours the late Izzy Asper and his Foundation

Asper family visits school to accept gift

By Benita Baker

"What Izzy's life was all about was expressed here this morning."

These were Babs Asper's emotional closing words to the crowd of dignitaries, parents and students assembled at Yitzhak Rabin High School to honour her husband, the late Izzy Asper. Mr. Asper, Canada's media magazine and generous philanthropist, died suddenly in

October 2003.

To show its appreciation for the support of the Asper Foundation, the school commissioned an original portrait of Mr. Asper from local artist Elie Benzaquen. Mrs. Asper and her daughter Gail, along with the director of the Asper Foundation Moe Levy, were invited to the school to accept the portrait. This special ceremony, held on March 31, showed that

Yitzhak Rabin High School, although small in enrolment, is huge in spirit.

For the past four years, its Grade 9 students have participated in The Asper Foundation Holocaust and Human Rights Studies Program. The goal of this education program is to promote tolerance and sensitize Canadian high school students to the consequences of racism. It

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JFS launches community-wide campaign

Russian seniors learn English and socialize at the JFS office. To maintain its level of service to seniors and others, JFS has launched a community-wide campaign to raise \$90,000. Story on page 4.

(Photo: Barry Fishman)



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Asper Foundation: students sign pledge of personal responsibility

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includes 18 hours of classroom instruction on the Holocaust and human rights, followed by a four day trip to Washington, D.C. and visits to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian and other historical sites that focus on American history and human rights.

When they return, the students are required to do volunteer work in their communities. They must also sign a Memorandum for Personal Responsibility, written and co-signed by Mr. Asper. It is their promise to him to "remember our past so we can make a difference in the future."

The majority of the costs of the trip are borne by The Asper Foundation and the families are responsible for the balance. Since the program began in 1997, almost 3000 students from across Canada and from all religious groups have participated.

The speakers at the presentation ceremony all brought messages of optimism and empowerment that were underscored by a deep respect for Izzy Asper. Tears were shed, or choked back, more than once during the two hour event.

Paul Bregman, the event's master of ceremonies, described Mr. Asper as "a man who exemplified tzedakah." In his d'var Torah, Rabbi Finkelstein noted that Passover is the first human rights holiday and he called Mr. Asper "a modern day Moses" because of his fight for human rights.

Israel Ambassador Haim Divon, also an invited guest, spoke with admiration about Mr. Asper and his support for the state of Israel. He recalled sitting on the airplane with a teary eyed former Prime Minister Chrétien on the way to Mr. Asper's funeral. He looked directly at the students seated in the upper levels of the room and



The Aspers with graduates of the Asper Holocaust and Human Rights Studies Program

said, "You are the future generation of leaders. You need a role model to be inspired by and Izzy Asper should be that role model."

A short film of Izzy Asper's life was followed by remarks from his daughter Gail, who is also the managing director of the Asper Foundation. She spoke with

pride about the success of the program and thanked YRHS for their commitment to it. In her opinion, the most important part of the program is its inspirational words about leadership and standing up for human rights. "You will now begin a new life of respect, tolerance and most of all, responsibility," she told the students.

Ms. Asper also talked about her father's dream, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which will be the largest human rights institution in the world and the largest Holocaust gallery in Canada. She told the students that her father's final message to them is one of

The added honour is that they are among the last group of students to receive this document personally signed by Mr. Asper.

A touching conclusion to the graduation ceremony was the performance of Raneinu, the YRHS girls choir under the direction of Shirley Schildkraut. They sang three songs about the Holocaust, in Hebrew and English, with such depth of feeling that the visibly moved crowd erupted in clapping during the last uplifting song.

The emotion climaxed as Eli Benzaquen introduced his charcoal portrait of Izzy Asper and Mrs. Asper officially unveiled it. A plaque at the bottom cites a quote from the Koheleth - A good name and fine reputation (acquired by diligence and good deeds) is more valuable than possessions.

Mrs. Asper, who had not planned to speak, could not hold back her tears when she thanked the school and said, "I know that Izzy is up there saying, 'Yeah I did it!'"

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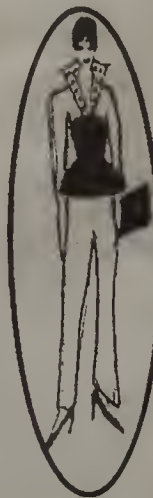
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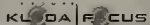
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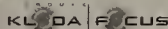
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Government cutbacks force JFS to launch community-wide campaign

\$90,000 needed to keep pace with clients needs

By Cynthia Nyman Engel
Did you know:

- 25 families among us frequently require emergency rent money to avoid eviction onto the street;

- a penniless, crippled gentleman, relegated to 'bottoming' his way up and down stairs, finally got the orthopedic boots he needed to stand

on his own two feet.

- a 'loving' son took all his father's money, appropriated his apartment and prematurely forced his aging parent into a retirement home.

"In every instance these people are Jewish and, in every instance JFS was - and is - there to help right the situation," says Mark Zarecki, executive director of Jewish Family Services (JFS). "And, trust me, these examples are just the tip of the iceberg."

"It's hard to accept there is a whole other Jewish world out there that's not very pretty, but there is," says Zarecki, who was awarded Family Services Canada Queen's Medal for 2003.

"We Jews take great pride in looking after our own, but looking after one's own takes money. Many government funders have recognized the excellence of this agency's work in terms of cost effectiveness, creativity and excellence in reaching out but there have been large cuts

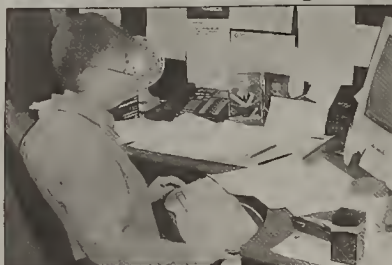
in government funding.

"JFS has grown to meet the needs of our clients but, unfortunately, our funding sources have not kept pace. In order to maintain what we have, we have to go out to fill the gap."

A cool \$90 thousand is required to fill the gap. JFS launches the community-wide campaign, which is being chaired by Jack Shinder, on May 1.

JFS keeps fragile seniors in their homes through its Meals-on-Wheels, Friendly Visitors and Teleshalom programs and, of course, through expert case management. JFS's staff of trained social workers provides professional counselling services to help people of all ages overcome the crises in their lives.

"JFS does that and a whole lot more," says Cecily Bregman who, with Annette Werk co-chairs the JFS board. "Every day, through a program called Street Smart, Mark devotes some time to combing downtown Ottawa



Sylvia Pasher of JFS finance department. The campaign begins May 1.
(Photo: Barry Fishman)

obvious reasons, our area of expertise is with Eastern European immigrants.

"Through the Tikvah fund and the Kosher Food Bank, JFS partners with Agudath Israel and Temple Israel Congregations to ensure the hungry in our community are fed," she says. "And we are so grateful to B'nai Brith for providing Passover baskets to the needy, and to an anonymous merchant who supplies some 500 needy people with top quality, fresh fruit."

"When you're approached to help JFS," says Mrs. Bregman, "please give with your full heart."

to reach out to the homeless. And, you'll be shocked to learn, at this point there are at least 20 Jewish people among the homeless.

"Our social workers go into the Jewish schools to offer counselling and do some preventative programming on, for example, bullying among children. The serious problems are followed up at the agency."

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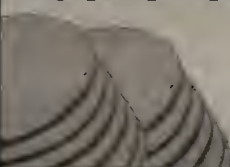
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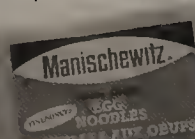


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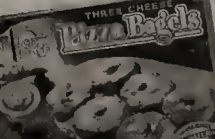


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Rabbi Zischa Shaps
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Editor's note: Vaad President Arnie Vered has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

The famous sage, Rabbi Akiva was an illiterate shepherd who had never been exposed to Torah study. At the age of 40 he had a life altering experience. He saw a stream of water flowing through a hole in a rock. He realized that the water had worn a hole in the rock over the course of many years and he was inspired. He recognized that if water could make a hole in a rock, Torah could certainly make an impression on his brain. He went to study Torah and became the greatest sage of his generation.

One of the unfortunate realities of today's world is that the majority of Jews are like Rabbi Akiva was. They may be highly edu-

JET offers community wide range of adult Jewish programming

cated in secular fields, but know little of their own Judaism and its sources. Judaism and Torah have so much depth. A person can study Torah his/her whole life and still find new beauty and meaningful insights.

JET is dedicated to providing Jewish education for adults, regardless of their level of Jewish background, because it is never too late to start and learning never ends. Participants in JET classes and programs range in affiliation from Reform to Orthodox; and in educational background from no Jewish education at all, to Jewish high school and beyond. The level of our classes varies greatly as does the wide range of programming. JET offers more than a dozen classes per week in addition to special programming. We are the largest Jewish organization in Ottawa whose primary purpose is adult education.

JET has introduced many new and innovative programs to the Ottawa Jewish community. The first annual JET shabbaton was held nine years ago and remains the only program of its kind. To spend a complete Shabbat and weekend away from home and in a total Shabbat environment is special in a way that must be experienced to fully appre-

ciate. This year registration had to be closed two weeks before the event because there was no more room.

Another unique and highly successful event is our Yarehei Kallah program held for a full week in July. Who could have imagined that over 200 people would attend a weeklong study program? People want to learn more about Judaism and Torah. JET's responsibility is to provide them with outstanding teachers both from within and outside of Ottawa.

Much concern has been expressed about a lack of quality Jewish programming for young adults in their 20's and 30's. This includes both singles and young marrieds. Two years ago, JET addressed this need and launched JETSETTERS, which is designed to provide a social opportunity for young adults in a comfortable and non-threatening Jewish atmosphere. Friday night dinners held almost every week in either the home of the Shaps' or the Shokins, are a mainstay of the JETSETTERS program and draw an average of fifteen participants each time. For many young singles who are new to Ottawa, JET has become a home away from home.

Other JETSETTER programs include Chanukah and Purim parties, barbecues, discussion groups and Young Couple Chavurahs.

Geri Goldstein, who has been involved with JET since its inception 11 years ago, chairs JET's board of directors. I thank all the members of the board of JET both past and present for all of the hard work they put in on behalf of Jewish education.

The last few years have seen tremendous growth in the number of programs offered by JET as well as the level of attendance at classes and programs. To meet these growing needs JET has increased its staff. Quality programs require many hours of planning as well as good publicity to get the word out. And, of course, all of this costs money as well. JET relies upon the generosity of the community to help us meet our financial obligations. This year will require an additional \$30,000. Your support is encouraged and welcome.

I invite each and every one of you to follow in the footsteps of Rabbi Akiva and join a class, come to a program, expand your Jewish knowledge.



From the pulpit

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein
Beth Shalom West

Unbelievable changes have taken place in the Ottawa Jewish community since I arrived here in 1991. From a small community with the basic amenities twelve and a half-years ago, to a highly developed one presently with a multitude of new educational institutions ranging from elementary schools to the Kollel, and the new campus encompassing every facet of Jewish life, we have come a long way. However, one area of new development has not come into its own yet in Ottawa, for

The future of the Ottawa Jewish community

far too few have bought into this new vista called Jewish high school education.

While it is a given that in larger centers such as Montreal and Toronto, Jewish high schools are the natural progression of continuity after Jewish day school, for some mysterious reason, such a move is considered to be unnatural here. While respecting the rights and thoughts of all to make decisions for their children regarding their educational path on completing elementary education, one has to wonder why more parents do not consider the furtherance of their children's Jewish education. There is no doubt that students who have gone through the system of high school Jewish education have not suffered, but have indeed succeeded wonderfully in society and in the work place. Thou-

sands of such graduates have prospered and done well in the arts, sciences, medicine and the business world. Many are active in their respective Jewish communities and occupy positions of leadership.

As director of Judaic studies at the Yitzhak Rabin High School since its inception, I am proud to see our graduates who have come from all kinds of religious and non-religious backgrounds succeed in their university studies and in their chosen professions.

Their dedication to the Jewish community in Ottawa and elsewhere is due in large part to the Jewish education they have received in both elementary and high school, as well as in their upbringing and informal Jewish educational experiences such as camp, youth group, etc., in addition to parental and familial upbringing.

Advanced Jewish education is a proven commodity in ensuring Jewish continuity, a catch word of the nineties for federation studies and task forces. The stronger the knowledge base of the individual regarding his/her faith and heritage, the greater the chance for that person to pass that love and devotion for Judaism to the next generation. The weaker the knowledge base, the greater the chance that Jewish values will not be transferred to the next generation.

In establishing community priorities, present leaders must project a vision for the future of their community, one that will define and determine the paths of the development of future leadership I am pleased that the Vaad Ha'R has been very supportive of high school Jewish education in the last number of years. I have no doubt that part of the mandate of the Vaad Ha'R is to plan and to prognosticate what will be the future of the Ottawa Jewish community in the next

twenty years. I am also sure that the leadership of present day Ottawa has asked the following question: What will the face of the new leadership of the Ottawa Jewish community look like 20 years from now?

Will the next generation of Jewish leaders in Ottawa come from those who have not had the requisite Jewish educational background necessary to lead and guide their constituents, or will it come from those who have tasted the beauty and magic of Jewish thought and values from a mature viewpoint? I think the answer should be obvious.

Pirkei Avot: the wisdom of our sages

"Hillel said: Do not separate yourself from the community, and do not believe in yourself until the day you die..." (Chapter 2 Mishna 5)

By Rabbi Micah Shotkin

Why is it that our communal organizations are desperate for volunteers? Why is synagogue attendance rarely commensurate with the number of members?

The great sage Hillel was well aware of this issue. He exhorts us not to distance ourselves from communal affairs. The 12th century commentator Rabeinu Yona explains this is not referring only to where one chooses to live, but it is telling us how to view communal mitzvos. It bestows greater honour to Hashem when a group gathers to perform a mitzvah in unison rather than individuals pursuing the same goal independently. It is imperative that we are all involved in planning and attending communal mitzvos.

Yet Rabeinu Yona is quick to point out that this is only true when the community is gathering to pursue a course that is morally constructive. If the goal of the group is not praiseworthy, it is preferable not to get involved.

The Mishna continues by saying that one should not trust oneself. One should not think that one can associate with people whose goals are inappropriate. No one is above sin. Even if they have displayed and proven themselves, they may be swept away by the crowd.

Hillel teaches us to get involved and be active in our communities, but at the same time, we should always exercise discretion to make sure that the cause is worthy.

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Barry Fishman

On your next visit to the Ottawa Jewish Campus, you may notice a few changes. There seems to be more uniformed campus security personnel patrolling both outside and inside buildings at all hours; RCMP and Ottawa city police patrol the area more frequently; staff are wearing picture identification badges; access to buildings is monitored more closely; and, according to Director of Campus Property Management Charles Brazeau, new security equipment has been and is being installed. As well, many staff members are taking refresher courses on emergency response.

This process of tightening up security began well before the fire bombing at the United Talmud Torah School in Montreal. After 9-11, campus security was reorganized and all personnel were pooled together.

"Security became a team effort," says Campus Security Supervisor James Gagnon. "We became familiar with each other's buildings, including learning about each building's emergency procedures, and we are now able to help each other out in case of an emergency."

As well as more security staff, ongoing training and security drills are constantly taking place.

Brazeau says a special task force with representatives from groups that are on or use the campus on a regular basis has been set up to look at security issues.



How I see it

Bob Dale

Canadians may not have seen the concrete results of terrorism on our soil, but our country is definitely an important part of the global terror network.

That's the view of Stewart Bell, chief reporter for the *National Post* and national security expert. I met Bell when he recently visited Ottawa to launch his new book, *Cold Terror: How Canada Nurtures and Exports Terrorism Around the World*.

Yes, there are Canadian terrorists, says Bell, and there are characteristics about our country and its approach to terrorism that support terrorists as they feed into the global terror network. For one thing, Canada's official list of terrorist groups is incomplete, making it difficult to identify and move in on many groups with alleged terrorist connections. Yet another problem is the number of suspicious Canadian charities that raise money for terrorist causes. According to Bell, Canada allows some charities to con-

Security: the responsibility of all of us



Neighbourhood Watch Committee: Charles Brazeau, Viviane Ohana-Sandler, Paul Bender and James Gagnon.

"We will be able to give some direction to each organization to make sure all have good emergency response procedures, and, if necessary, help put them together."

Brazeau and the task force will be working towards standardizing codes as much as possible for all buildings on campus. For example, a yellow code would have the same meaning at the SJCC as at Hillel Lodge.

Like most of us, Viviane Ohana-Sandler, Vaad Ha'Ir trustee-at-large, feels safe when visiting the campus. Although she is pleased with the security improvements, Ohana-Sandler believes that security is "all of our responsibility and not just that of the government or the Vaad." She recently joined the committee to re-establish Neighbourhood Watch. It is important, she says, to have "more eyes and ears around the campus." She is hoping that people get involved and join the Neighbourhood

Watch team.

Paul Bender, commander of the Ottawa Post, Jewish War Veterans, set up Neighbourhood Watch for the campus. For the past eight years, as a volunteer for the Ottawa police, Bender has set up numerous Neighbourhood Watch programs in different parts of the city.

He faced some unique challenges here. Most Neighbourhood Watch groups cover a larger, less populated geographical area, made up mostly of homes. The campus is a more confined, high-density area with

a lot of activity taking place. To overcome this concern, Bender laid out specific paths for volunteers to follow whenever they are visiting the campus.

"We want people to look around and notice anything unusual or out of place when they come here, and report it so appropriate action can take place," he says.

Bender says those who visit the campus on a regular basis should consider becoming official volunteers. They would be given a picture ID and attend a few classes to learn what to look for while on Neighbourhood Watch. When on campus, the volunteers would follow one of the paths set out in the Neighbourhood Watch manual and, when they reach their destination, fill out a form, recording the time they did the walk, and, of course, report anything suspicious.

Filling out the form helps security and the police look for patterns. For example, if, over a number of days, volunteers keep see-

ing an individual or car that seems out of place, police or security would investigate. Never, says Bender, should one put oneself in a dangerous position. Volunteers are simply there to observe and report.

For Neighbourhood Watch to be successful, a minimum of 30 volunteers is needed. It is estimated that doing the extra walk around the campus would take only five to 10 minutes. And, says Campus Security Supervisor Gagnon, it would "be a huge help."

"These are people who are on the campus almost every day. They know who belongs here and who doesn't, even maybe more than a new security guard. To have them take an extra look and report anything suspicious to us is invaluable."

For Ohana-Sandler, the recent wave of anti-Semitism in Canada is reminiscent of what life was like growing up in Morocco. She says it would be very easy to become anxious, fearful and discouraged once again. However, in Canada, the big difference is that she can do something about it.

"The Neighbourhood Watch gives me the means to act and not feel discouraged. It empowers me to do something for my community."

She is right. Security is the responsibility of all of us. Even if you are unable to volunteer for Neighbourhood Watch, the next time you visit the campus, take a moment to look around as you walk towards your destination and report anything suspicious.

If you would like to become a volunteer or want more information on Neighbourhood Watch, contact Charles Brazeau (798-4696, ext. 269).

Canada and global terror

tinued to operate here even where closely related charities, often with the same people listed as officers, have lost their charitable status in the United States because of their financial support for terrorism. Although his information is incomplete, Bell said that charities funded by Saudi Arabia are one of his personal research interests. Canada's immigration system is another part of the problem, allowing people to arrive here without passports, make a refugee claim, and remain in Canada for years before officials finally catch up with them.

An important issue that seems to bother Bell more than some of the others is our extreme focus on human rights, which appear to have a higher priority in our collective consciousness than our need to combat terrorism. Indeed, says Bell, Canada regularly gives groups representing human rights, Palestinian and related causes free rein in sidetracking us away from terrorism and terrorists. As an example of how ridiculous this can get, Bell cited a recent case where a person arrested for alleged terrorist activities went to court to complain that his feet were getting cold in his jail cell. Incredulously, says Bell, the judge took his complaint seriously, and set out to investigate the

problem. In other words, declares Bell, the alleged terrorist got his day in court, not because of his supposed terrorist connections, but because of his cold feet.

Perhaps a more serious longer running problem is that organizations friendly to terrorist causes are making significant inroads into Canada's corridors of power. They have learned to lobby politicians about their communities' needs, says Bell, and have even convinced cabinet ministers to appear at community events to court the ethnic vote. Terrorists use the democratic process in other important ways as well, such as when terrorist sympathizers work for riding associations and political parties, a useful way of getting to know politicians. One group in the Sri Lankan community, notes Bell, collects detailed data from community members about their involvement with particular politicians, and uses that data to help it lobby those politicians.

Many Canadian groups lobby on behalf of terrorists, says Bell, but only one group lobbies against them: the Jewish community. When I asked him why, Bell cited two factors. One is that Jews are especially vulnerable to terrorism, given that Islamic terrorists deliberately target them as stated

policy. The second factor is our close tie to Israel. Bell noted that he only really realized the impact of terrorism first-hand when he visited a pool hall in Israel that had been blown up by terrorists, and saw the blood, body parts, and nails used to maximize the damage.

Bell used to wonder how a person could deliberately kill innocent people through terrorism. After meeting with a Hamas official in Gaza City, this no longer puzzles him. That official told Bell that it was "self defence," required in the dark era that has been imposed on the world by Americans and Jews. Under those circumstances, blowing oneself up as a suicide bomber is an act he and like-minded people actually look forward to.

"The problem with you," he told Bell, "is that you love life. We love death. That's why we're going to win."

People in the West, says Bell, have to recognize that key element of global terrorism, and the reach of the global groups, like Al Qaeda, that direct it. Global terrorists have declared war, not only on us as individuals, but on society as we know it. According to Stewart Bell, it's time we all woke up to that threat



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In the past, JNF's forestry practices focused on meeting immediate needs like defense of extensive land tracts and soil conservation. Today, planting forests serves a wide range of purposes: providing leisure and recreation sites, halting soil erosion, filling the air with oxygen and removing dangerous pollutants. Trees provide shade, a buffer for rainstorms, a home for birds and other native species. Israel's forests prevent flood damage and constitute a barrier against ecological nuisances like dust and noise.

Of land and water...

As caretakers, JNF is also involved with infrastructure. JNF builds security roads so children can travel to and from school. Land is developed for agriculture and grazing. Parks and playgrounds (some attached to schools) are created within a safe environment so families can gather to enjoy simple pleasures together.

JNF helped fund many aspects of Israel's precious water supply by building huge reservoirs for recycling and storing water, and designing and developing desalination plants to help supply water for irrigation. JNF digs wells into underground streams and rivers and this 'sweet' water is stored for human consumption. Research designed to safeguard the water table is a constant area of study and experimentation.

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Tension high at JSA-Hillel Zionism Day

By Rob Walker

Tension was high during Zionism Day at Carleton University. The Jewish Students Association (JSA)-Hillel event, planned weeks ago, took place two days after Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin was killed by an Israeli air strike in Gaza City.

During the course of the day, dozens of pro-Palestinian students came to the displays and began arguing with the JSA students manning the tables.

"The veracity of the anti-Zionists' arguments and the language they used really shocked me," Leo Grebler, outgoing JSA-Hillel Carleton president says. He adds that there were references by some students to the Blood Libel and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

The event was the first-ever Zionism-themed day for JSA-Hillel, and the first political event of the academic year. According to organizer Leor Grebler, the day was an opportunity to educate open-minded students on what Zionism means to its supporters, not its detractors.

"The word Zionism is misused and misrepresented constantly, and there came a time when we had to speak out," Grebler says that many students who were willing to learn stopped by the tables and engaged in meaningful discussion with JSA-Hillel members on the topic of Zionism. He maintains that most students who were politically neutral on the Middle East "walked away with a very positive message about Zionism." Some of the displays included a biogra-



JSA-Hillel student Sam Mendelsohn (centre) explains Zionism to Carleton students.

phy of Theodor Herzl, a newsletter written by an American Evangelical Zionist Pastor in San Antonio, Texas, quotes from a self-described "Muslim Zionist" and a historical timeline of the Zionist movement from Basel to Ben-Gurion.

Kami Francis, a third-year history student and incoming JSA-Hillel executive, volunteered at the tables during the afternoon. She confesses that the day was tense, but admits that it was better than in previous years when pro-Israel displays were presented. However, students "are in university to learn, not to kill each other," she says, and adds that Zionism Day was only meant to educate those who are willing to learn, not those who are closed-minded.

With all the arguing and tension that spread throughout the day's event, Francis says she understands why a JSA-Hillel member might be intimidated from attending, but explains that there is nothing to be afraid of. "There are always people there to help you. You're never alone," she says, recalling a pro-Israel event held in 2003 where she was arguing with an anti-Israel student, and was quickly assisted by another JSA-Hillel member.

Grebler believes that the majority of Jewish students most likely know enough

about Israel and Zionism to be able to represent their views well. "All they need to do is focus on what they know, and be a little more confident in what they're saying," he says.

Robert Walker is a first-year journalism student at the University of Ottawa and incoming media director for JSA-Hillel Ottawa for the 2004-2005 academic year.

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In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir, which governs the affairs of the Jewish Community of Ottawa, notice is hereby given that the 70th Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, for the purpose of receiving reports and financial statements, and for the election of Officers and Trustees for the coming year.

Every member of the Jewish community of Ottawa who is eighteen years of age and over and a contributor in good standing during the current year to the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa is invited to attend and is eligible to vote for Officers and Trustees-at-Large. No participating member of the community may vote by proxy.

The by-laws call for the election of a President, a First

and Second Vice-President, a Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary and a Board of Trustees composed of representatives of synagogues and organizations, beneficiary agencies, youth and the clergy.

The names of these designates for 2004-2005 are shown in this column. The Board of Trustees includes 30 Trustees-at-Large, 10 of whom are elected each year for a period of three years.

Officers may serve only two consecutive one-year terms in their respective offices. No person is eligible to be an Officer unless he or she has sat as a Trustee for the prior year.

The Constitution also provides for the appointment of a Nominating Committee which has the responsibility of selecting a Slate of Officers and Trustees-at-Large for the ensuing year and proposing their names to every known participating member of the community.

This Committee has met and their recommendations are as follows:

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For Treasurer: Jonathan Freedman

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For Trustees-at-Large: Sarah Beutel, Leon Bronstein, Jonathan Calof, Robert Greenberg, Solly Patrontasch, Cindy Poplove, Tracy Shapiro, Jason Shinder, Beverly Smith, Brent Taylor.

Other persons eligible to be elected as Officers and Trustees-at-Large may be nominated in writing and their name will appear on the ballot, provided that the person so nominated consents in writing to be a nominee; 10 other participating members of the Jewish community sign the nomination

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papers; and that the nomination papers are received by Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

Should there be any further nominations, the community will receive notice of the names of such nominees and positions in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* of May 24, 2004.

— Arnon Vered, President

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The weeklong celebration begins Monday, April 26, with special events leading up to the festive celebration, Thursday, April 29. Monday to Thursday, the Ottawa Bagelshop and Deli will donate one dollar from every dozen retail bagels sold to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. "The community has always embraced

the Bagelshop, and we are pleased to support the community by giving a helping hand to CHEO," Vincenzo explains.

The anniversary celebration, Thursday, April 29, will feature face painting, charity fundraising events, live music, door prizes, gourmet food samples and cooking demonstrations. Many long-time staff members representing Ottawa's multicultural mosaic will also be present.

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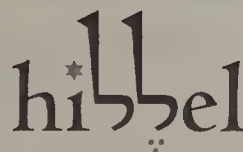
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Young leaders learn how UJA helps Jews of Argentina

By Lawrence Greenspon,
Jason Shinder

It is a country where young couples practice tango on the sidewalk for donations and seniors still nervously line up around the corner waiting for the bank to open to cash their pension cheques. It is a country that has been rocked by economic collapse 2 1/2 years ago, the 1994 AMIA Bombing, and the 1992 Israeli Embassy

Bombing before that. It is a country where thirty-five percent of the country's 200,000 Jews are living below the poverty line.

In early February, 13 young and one not so young leader from Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and Ottawa, and two staff members went to Buenos Aires, Argentina on a fly in mission sponsored by the UJA/CJA Campaigns Canada. We came away with

a very positive message, namely, "our dollars are making a difference."

We spent a morning at the Welfare Intake Centre where we talked with individuals who had never been nor ever contemplated being on welfare and yet with the help received largely from the United States and Canada, they are now somehow managing, but just barely. Since January of 2003 the caseload has doubled to 36,376.

The number and size of the Welfare Intake Centers has multiplied in an effort to meet the need. This has meant conversion of old buildings to new uses, including a small bakery "JALA" connected to the Welfare Intake Center. This operation is typical of the small businesses which some are fortunate to be able to start in an effort to earn an income. After rolling numerous small challahs to be baked and given to children the following day in the Jewish Day Camp, some of the more creative members of our group made dough sports logos, the fate of which is still unknown.

We visited the newly created Baby Help Program. This project was designed to try to meet the needs of the 1,000 babies and mothers who live below the poverty line. They now benefit from the food, medicine, clothing, strollers and bassinets which are provided to them by the program. We continued our creative ways by making finger puppets and felt booklets



(From left to right): Jason Shinder, Tracy Rotstein, Rachel Spitzer, Steven Farber, Robert Hoppenheim and Lawrence Greenspon.

for the happy children.

The next day we visited the AMIA J.C.C., a building which has been constructed in the shadow of the former building. Now one has to pass through immense security and a bunker in order to get access to the new building. Between the building and the street front stands the AMIA Memorial by Yaacov Agam. We stood in awe as the names of the 85 victims of the bombing were read by Gustavo and Guido, two Argentinean born participants in our mission returning to visit what was once home.

We later met with *Memo-ria Activa*, family members of the victims of the AMIA bombing who have for more than 500 consecutive weeks demonstrated before the courts every Monday at 9:53 a.m. to commemorate the loss of their loved ones. Like the *Mujeres de Cinco de Mayo* (women of the 5th of May) before them who still march in honour of the mis-

sing persons of the Dirty War, the members of *Memoria Activa* will not let the government nor the public forget the tragedy or the fact that no one has been brought to justice since July 18, 1994.

The Ariel Job Center has a light and airy environment which reflects the optimism of the people who attend there. These individuals have hopes of finding a job, making a connection, or developing a skill that will lead to employment. In the short time since the Ariel Job Center has been created, 122 new businesses have been established with more than 800 currently in development. This centre of economic encouragement is a model which could and should be replicated elsewhere.

Not surprisingly there has been a considerable emigration from Argentina over the last two years. JIAS has supported hundreds of Argentineans who have left for the United States, Israel and Canada. Winnipeg and Montreal in particular have been the popular Canadian destinations. Imagine going from Buenos Aires to the corner of Portage and Main in winter.

One of the most uplifting experiences was participating in the Shabbat sing-song with the children of the Jewish Day Camp, most of who are able to be there only because their costs are subsidized. We sang, gave our small challah breads to each of the children, played soccer

and enjoyed the sun with the youngsters.

That night we attended the Libertad Synagogue where our group was recognized and welcomed by the rabbi. During the chanting by the male and female cantors the stirring melodies were overpowering and all I could think of was Bocelli and Brightman. I have never been so moved by Jewish prayer. A couple of us ventured to Las Pampas, the flat grasslands outside Buenos Aires where farming colonies for immigrant European Jews once existed. We tried to imagine the original Jewish cowboys: "gauchos."

The next day we met and spoke with Argentinean parents whose children had made aliyah to go to university. We watched those parents connect by video with their loved ones in Israel. The pain of separation seemed to be eased somewhat by the optimism and pride that was evident.

A small group of Canada's young leaders, shared in an experience that will stay with us for a very long time. We were pleased to see how the UJA campaigns have helped so many people in Argentina in such a positive way. The Ottawa Jewish community and the Canadian Jewish people as a whole should take pride in the difference our money has made and continues to make to fellow Jewish people that are in need.

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Dead Sea Scrolls Gala supports work of Israel Museum

By Diane Koven

The excitement surrounding the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit remained high to the very end. Our local community came out in force to celebrate the success of the exhibit's Canadian tour and to raise funds to ensure a secure future for the famous artifacts.

The Grand Hall of The Canadian Museum of Civilization, with its vast, open space and soaring totem poles, was a magnificent setting for the Gala Soirée which marked the closing of the exhibit *Ancient Treasures and the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Nearly 350 people, some from Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and the Atlantic provinces, gathered to pay tribute to the exhibit and to those who made its Canadian visit possible. There were dignitaries, politicians, senators and clergy among those gathered. The Ottawa Gala Committee, co-chaired by Lori Suchat Chadnick and Sharon Weinstein, orga-



Archbishop Marcel Gervais and Rabbi Reuven Bulka offer blessings.

(Photo: Michelle Valberg)

nized an extraordinarily elegant event to mark the occasion.

Those who had not yet viewed the artifacts were given an opportunity to do so before the banquet began. And what a banquet it was! Each course was like a work of art in itself, culminating in a dessert in the form of the scrolls ... beau-

tiful to behold and delicious to taste.

The exhibit was a treasure for people of all faiths. Before the meal, Archbishop Marcel Gervais and Rabbi Reuven Bulka jointly blessed the participants. "In Judaism, no object is more holy than the Torah scrolls; this exhibit is wholly successful ... may this be a last-

ing supper," said Rabbi Bulka in his inimitable style.

"People have recognized that this exhibition is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see some of the most rare and significant objects from biblical times, including three of the first scrolls discovered," said Dr. Victor Rabinovitch, president and CEO of the Canadian Mus-

um of Civilization Corporation.

James Snyder, director of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, praised the Canadian professionals who brought the artifacts to this part of the world. "The excellent curatorial collaboration did a wondrous job of bringing the objects together and bringing them to Canada and interpreting them in a way that would be meaningful to the audience here," he said.

Throughout the evening, singer Deborah Davis and Segue to Jazz provided entertainment for the diners. World-renowned cellist Ofra Harnoy delighted the audience with a musical performance as well. Dr. Norman Barwin, who co-chaired the Ottawa committee with Michael Walsh, thanked Harnoy for what he termed "a highlight of the evening ... Ofra has done this out of the goodness of her heart and for the sake of the Israel Museum," he said.

Daniel Ben Natan, vice president of the Israel Museum, made a special presentation to Babs Asper of Winnipeg in memory of her late husband, Dr. Israel Asper. The Community Scroll was dedicated to the memory of the man who, it was said, embodied its principles. Asper was well known for his love of Canada, advocacy on behalf of Israel, and widespread philanthropy.

Funds raised at the Gala will be used for preservation of the Scrolls and programming for all youth of Jerusalem regardless of religion.

"Continued support of the Israel Museum will ensure that people of three monotheistic faiths will always have a sanctuary in Jerusalem, with tangible evidence to validate their religious and cultural beliefs and sustain their creative spirit," said Wendy Eisen, national chair of Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum.

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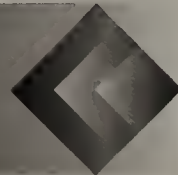
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Prime Minister invited to give keynote address at CJC Plenary

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have Gerry Levitz, as the Plenary Assembly co-chair," says Landy. "Gerry has put together an incredible team. Its enthusiasm, energy and dedication are remarkable."

The planning committee chairs include Marion Mayman, Shlomo Mayman, Alan Freed, Lawrence Silber, Deborah Saginur, Charles Wiseman, Erica Sher and The Honourable Sheila Finestone.

According to Levitz, the CJC Plenary is one of the most important events for Canadian Jewry.

"It's a real coup for us to be having this showcase of Canada's Jewish communi-



Keith Landy, CJC national president; David Pratt, minister of National Defence; Dorothy Zaleman-Howard, national officer; and Marion Mayman, Ottawa plenary committee at national officers meeting.

ties here in our city. When Keith asked me to be a national co-chair, I didn't hesitate," says Levitz. "I

knew that CJC would bring a first-class conference to Ottawa, and I also knew that this community would

embrace this opportunity to come and participate."

Early indications suggest that Levitz will not be disappointed. So far, well over 100 local residents have registered for the Plenary Assembly.

"Numbers matter. It is crucial for us, especially at this time of growing anti-Semitism, to publicly demonstrate our strength and unity," Levitz says. "The interest has been growing steadily as the word is starting to spread. The program is shaping up and, given the quality of speakers and importance of the issues to be discussed, we expect to have several hundred registrants from Ottawa."

Confirmed speakers in-

clude Dr. Uzi Arad, director of policy and diplomacy, Herzliya's Interdisciplinary Center and an expert on terrorism,¹

and Stewart Bell, author of *Cold Terror: How Canada Nurtures and Exports Terrorism to the World*. Also confirmed are Elan Steinberg, executive vice-president, World Jewish Congress; and Susheel Gupta, a federal prosecutor who tragically has been touched personally by terrorism. Gupta's mother was killed in the Air India bombing in 1985.

Prime Minister Paul Martin has been invited to give the keynote address at the gala dinner. As well, a number of Cabinet ministers,

Opposition Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Jack Layton, Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty have been invited to speak at the Plenary.

CJC is now part of the new community structure and is under the umbrella of the newly created Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CJIA). A political activity day is being planned by CJC and CJIA-PAC for Monday, June 14.

To register online or for further information on the Plenary, visit the CJC website at www.cjc.ca or contact Vaad Ha'ir Director of Communications Gabe Meranda (798-4696, ext. 255).



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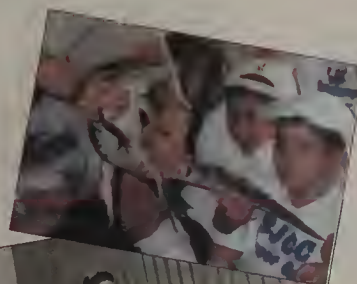
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Bazaar and exotic foods spice up the AVIV festival

Vast and varied multi-ethnic delights and a marketplace full of art and wonderful bargains will help to spice up the Aviv Jewish Festival – a day-long party showcasing Jewish culture, food, and spirit that will take place on Sunday, May 30, 2004.

The Aviv Food Court will be offering a wide range of tasty delights, from shwarma and hot dogs to cotton candy and popcorn for the young at heart.

A centerpiece to this year's Aviv Festival will be a giant marketplace featuring local and Israeli artisans and crafts people.

"We are excited about being able to present so many wonderful products at the Aviv Festival," says Terri

Davis who is co-chairing the Aviv Festival Marketplace with Helaine Gould.

Everyone is invited to experience the exotic bazaar, to examine the merchandise, and to do some wonderful shopping. An assortment of goods will be on display from Israel, including Judaica, Dead Sea Products, jewelry, and hand painted art.

"If your son or daughter is having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah this year," says Davis "the marketplace will meet all your gift needs and support Israel at the same time."

Money raised at the Aviv Festival will help support agencies in the Ottawa Jewish community and around the world, including Israel, through the United Jewish

Appeal of Ottawa (UJA), the central fundraising body for Ottawa's Jewish community.

Added to the flair of the marketplace, the festival also includes the March to Israel Walkathon, a children's activity zone designed by Kloda Productions of Montreal, and much more. The Aviv Festival is destined to become one of Ottawa's premier cultural events!

The Aviv Festival is an Ottawa community event. We welcome everyone to a special fun-filled day with a distinct Jewish flavour!

For more information on the Food Court/Marketplace and the AVIV Jewish Festival, please call 798-4696, ext. 248 or log onto www.jewishottawa.org.

Hillel AUCTION 2004 celebrates 55 years of excellence in Jewish education

By Francie Greenspoon

Going once, going twice ... gone! When you hear these words reverberate throughout Agudath Israel Synagogue on Tuesday, May 11, AUCTION 2004, Hillel Academy's annual fundraising extravaganza will officially be under way!

AUCTION 2004 is a celebration of Hillel's illustrious years as the premiere Hebrew day school in Ottawa. For the last 55 years, Hillel has offered superior trilingual education to over 425 students annually. Monies raised at this year's auction will go towards improvements in programs and facilities in order to ensure that Hillel remains a leader in Jewish education within the Ottawa community.

At this year's auction, patrons will have an opportunity to participate in both a live and silent auction filled with an exciting array of auction items. A weekend getaway to a Mont Tremblant chalet, a catered kosher cocktail reception for 30 people, a one year family membership at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, luggage, original art, a one year snow removal package, jewellery, and gift certificates are just a few of the items up for grabs.

Of course no auction is complete without a seasoned auctioneer at the helm, and Hillel Academy is thrilled to have veteran auctioneer, Elliot Melamed, centre stage and gavel in hand, to conduct all live auction proceedings. Melamed is a member of the

Certified Appraisers Guild of America and is a graduate of the Missouri Auction School, the oldest auction school in America.

Adding to the enjoyment of this special fundraising event will be delectable munchies, music and special items that will be raffled off throughout the event.

Co-chairs for this year's auction are Leiba Krantzberg and Elaine Melamed. To become a sponsor, volunteer, or to purchase a ticket contact Leiba Krantzberg (737-0825 or leibak@rogers.com).

Hillel Academy's AUCTION 2004 takes place May 11, beginning at 7:00 pm at Agudath Israel Synagogue. Tickets are \$36 and are also available at the Hillel Academy office.

Last two Sessions of Prime Time

It's hard to believe that Spring is here and Prime Time at Temple Israel has only two sessions left!

By popular demand, Shelley Posen returns to Prime Time on Thursday May 13. By day, Dr. Posen is a folklorist at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. But in his "spare" time he

sings with *Finest Kind* and makes wonderful recordings. If you haven't heard him, you are in for a treat!

For the grande finale on Thursday June 10, Rabbi Garten will speak on a topic of his choice. Always warm and engaging, Rabbi Garten is a speaker not to be missed. Prime Time takes place at

noon on the second Thursday of each month, from October to June, and offers lunch and a speaker. Everyone is welcome. Lunch costs \$8 for members of Prime Time and \$10 for non-members. Please reserve your "spot" by the previous Monday. For more information call Anna Bilsky (728-4202).



(Left to right) Issac (7), Kayla Moore, holding baby, Alexander; Wayne Moore, holding Evan (2); and Dr. Andre Engel with Jonah (5).

Local doctor donates portion of fee to Shaare Zedek

By Suzanne Kaye,
Executive Director,
Canadian Shaare Zedek
Hospital Foundation

Dr. Andre Engel is a longtime friend and supporter of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. He first visited the hospital in 1970 when he was a medical student. Since then, Dr. Engel has attended conferences at the hospital and has visited many times. He has been very impressed by the important work done in the hospital and its amazing growth and development.

Dr. Engel has been a busy practicing pediatrician in the city of Ottawa for the past 25 years, as a natural outgrowth of his dealings with newborn babies he developed an interest in Bris Milah. He subsequently

underwent special training and was certified as a mohel by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.

Over the last few years he has developed a wonderful routine: for every baby he circumcises he donates a portion of his fee to the Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. Each baby subsequently receives a beautiful certificate from the Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation bearing his English name and his newly acquired Hebrew name. In this way the Hospital gets some financial support as well as a little publicity with the upcoming generation (and their proud parents!)

Dr. Engel recently performed a Bris for the Moore family in Ottawa. It was a very special occasion as this was the fourth Bris in a row

that he had performed for the Moore's. (Sorry no girls so far!)

On checking the records, Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation discovered that this was Dr. Engel's 100th Bris donation to the hospital. This certainly was an important milestone and one that the Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation wanted to recognize!

Yasher Koach to Dr. Engel and lots of continued success, both as a mohel and as a pediatrician. "Ken Yirbo" – May he perform lots of Britot and may he win lots of new friends and supporters for the Shaare Zedek Hospital. And best wishes and mazel tov to Kayla and Wayne Moore! May they have lots of nachas and joy from their four hoyos.

Author of *Shlepping the Exile* to perform in Ottawa

By Debbie Fischman
International performer, monologist, humorist and author of *Shlepping the Exile*, Michael Wex will be in Ottawa on Sunday, May 16 at 7:30 pm at Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

Wex is not only the author of *Shlepping the Exile*, but has performed oral adaptations of his novel. He has worked with famous Klezmer ensembles, such as the *Klezmatiks* and the *Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band*. Recently his Yiddish translation of Weill and Brecht's

Threepenny Opera premiered in Montreal at the Saidye Bronfman Theatre.

He is a speaker, a writer and a stand up comic, but about all he is someone who can captivate an audience and engage his listeners because of his solid grasp of his subject matter. He feels comfortable among all types of audiences; at events sponsored by synagogues, organizations, Klez gatherings and on campuses.

Ottawa Emunah women and Machzikei Hadas synagogue will co-sponsor the

evening.

Emunah Women of Ottawa is a link in an international Jewish women's organization whose goal is to support needy children and families in Israel. This event will be in celebration of *Yom Yerushalayim* as well as the annual *Mother-in-Israel* festivities.

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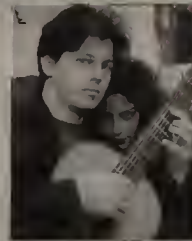
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Theodore Herzl centenary celebration planned at SJCC

By Maxine Miska

A young Jewish man - smart and worldly - his rich business man father sends him to law school and gives him money to travel in Europe. He becomes a successful journalist and dramatist, but is troubled by the growing anti-Semitism he sees in the most enlightened and educated countries, and he commits his life to the solution of this problem.

Sounds like someone you know? Probably not. The man: Theodore Herzl. The events: over 100 years ago. The solution: The foundation of the state of Israel.

This year marks the centenary of the *yahrzeit* of

Theodore Herzl, one of the fathers of modern Zionism.

Others before him took active steps to realize the dream. It was he who brought these efforts into focus by initiating the movement of political Zionism. It was he who made of Zionism a world movement. It was he who gave expression to its aims by calling for the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish homeland that is publicly recognized and legally secured.

To reflect upon this passage of 100 years and the fulfillment of his dream 56 years ago, the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program will present an

evening of commemoration on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:30 pm at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

The evening will feature a program in words and song performed by the Shira Ottawa Choir, the Hillel Academy choir, a display of work by students at the Ottawa Jewish schools, and an exhibition on the life of Herzl by JSA Hillel university students.

The event takes its theme and title from Herzl's own words concerning the establishment of a Jewish state in the land of Israel: "If you will it, it won't be a dream."

The quotation reflects Herzl's pragmatic and *real*

politick approach to making Israel a reality. During the amazingly brief period of nine years Herzl established the Zionist Congress, approached diplomats and clothed centuries of Zionist aspirations in the language of 19th century nationalism.

In his numerous dealings with the Sultan of the Ottoman empire, the ruler of Palestine at the time, he tried unsuccessfully to obtain the land of Israel in exchange for payment of Turkey's debts. He also negotiated with England to get El Arish (on the Sinai peninsula) as a foothold for further settlement in Palestine, but his hopes did not materialize. Nevertheless, he did not give up.

Influenced by the ferocity of the pogroms in Eastern Europe, and having a premonition of the horrible fate that was facing our people in Europe, at the 6th Zionist Congress, August 1903, he proposed to accept the offer of Uganda as a temporary solution for a Jewish state.



Theodore Herzl dedicated his life to solving anti-Semitism

Two hundred and ninety delegates voted for the resolution, 170 against, and 99 abstained.

The Mizrahi, (the religious Zionist party) were prominent in supporting settlement in Uganda; however, fearing that the Uganda reso-

lution would split the Zionist party, Herzl on April 11, 1904, again assembled the Zionist leaders from ten European countries and the United States, and the resolution was overturned. He offered to resign and wrote

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Volunteer Miriam Paghis helps us understand our past

By Dawn Logan
Ottawa Jewish Archives

The Ottawa Jewish Archives always enjoys turning back the pages of history for the community. Such an occasion recently took place when volunteer translator Miriam Paghis brought in her carefully scripted interpretations of early records of the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha.

Paghis possesses all the necessary qualifications for unravelling the intricacies of Yiddish documents. At home in North Winnipeg her family spoke Yiddish. She advanced through various Jewish Winnipeg schools where she became well schooled in Hebrew.

"Four afternoons a week plus Sunday morning was expected of me." Although, she says, "there were afternoons when I would rather have enjoyed playing softball on the nearby ball field."

Paghis's Jewish school days were during the Depression and during that period, Samuel Bronfman donated money for Hebrew School

scholarships. She earned a \$50 scholarship each year and when she graduated in 1938, she received a gold medal. With the help of her future husband and with the tenacity she showed in learning Hebrew, Paghis earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Manitoba when scarcely any women ventured into the world of physics, chemistry and advanced mathematics.

Shortly after her arrival in Ottawa in January, 1951, she became secretary for the Ottawa Modern Jewish School and then moved over to teaching at the school. Hebrew for Beginners was her first class and later she taught both Yiddish and Hebrew when required.

Through her association with Shirley Steinberg, Paghis agreed to help the Ottawa Jewish Archives with important early documents and has worked on two letters written by Rev. Jacob Mirsky and 1891-1892 minutes of Adath Jeshurun Congregation.



Miriam Paghis

(Photo: Barry Fishman)

Working on the Chevra Kadisha minutes required much skill and knowledge on Paghis's part. The early records consist of an account book of minutes of the annual meeting and financial matters between 1921 and 1937. Once the business of

each annual meeting was completed, usually, "a fine social evening followed" that could last until well after midnight. These events were held in one of three synagogues, Agudath Achim on Rideau Street, Adath Jeshurun on King Edward or

Machzeiki Hadas on Murray Street.

Rev. Abraham Baker was the secretary-treasurer of the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha for many years, and now thanks to Paghis's work, we know that he was first elected in 1927. He continued in that position until his death in 1945. The year 1927 was also the annual meeting when the Chevra Kadisha moved, "to keep a record of every forthcoming deceased, the date of the burial, the number of his burial plot and the cemetery where he was buried."

At the 1922 annual meeting, "Mr. Greenberg moved that the men and ladies group should collaborate in buying the Sefer Torah and that yeriot (portions of parchment) and otot (letters) be sold. The income generated would be used to pay for a burial carriage befitting an established community."

"An established community" in Ottawa certainly had the appropriate men to make the Sefer Torah purchase.

They included Rev. Louis Doctor, cantor and shocheit for Agudath Achim Congregation, Mr. Lifshitz (Bernard Lief) talmud torah teacher, Mordecai Goldsmith, sexton of Adath Jeshurun Congregation and Rev. Abraham Baker, cantor for Machzeiki Hadas.

These Chevra Kadisha men were always religious people. The Sefer Torah Committee and others such as Eli Chaim Slonemsky, Moses Shore, Moishe Palmer, Samuel Sadinsky, Morris Greenberg, Oscar Petigorsky were pious individuals, keepers of the Sabbath, and knowledgeable of the laws and rituals of death and burial.

In 2005, the Ottawa Chevra Kadish will be 100 years of age.

The newly translated, Chevra Kadisha information provided by Miriam Paghis's volunteer work, in consultation with Joseph Lief, adds another segment to the history of the Ottawa Jewish community.

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3. Point your knees in towards each other slightly.
4. Bend from your waist and allow your shoulders, arms, and hands to work together as one unit.
5. Keep your head as motionless as possible and keep your lower body stationary.
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Ottawa Jewish Historical Society features the Taller family

Beverley Zaifman of London, Ontario will speak about the history of the Taller Family.

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society event takes place Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm at Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue.

Zaifman, an Ottawa native, daughter of Morton and Sally Taller, will detail



Morton Taller

the lives of her father's family, Jacob and Ethel Taller and their journey from Russia to Ellis Island and the United States during the early part of the last century where they raised ten children and built a new life.

Zaifman is currently manager of human resources for a family-owned land development, building and property man-

agement company. She is very active in the Jewish community of London, Ontario.

She has previously taught for many years at the London Community Hebrew Day School and has been chairperson of the school for two years.

Currently she is president of London Hadassah-WIZO and programming

chairperson of the London Jewish Federation. Beverley and her husband Bernie

Zaifman are blessed with four children who are all in school.

Theodore Herzl centenary

(Continued from page 18)
the following letter:

"The ultimate goal has not been reached. But a temporary result is at hand: Here is a land in which we could settle our suffering masses on a national basis and with the right of self-government. I do not think that we can deny the unfortunate this relief for the sake of a beautiful dream or a legitimistic banner ... Palestine is the only land where our people can find rest. But hundreds of thousands need immediate help. There is only one way to resolve this conflict. I must resign from the leadership ... my best wishes for those who work for the fulfillment of the beautiful dream. I have not made Zionism poorer, but Jewry richer."

After nine years of labour in the Zionist movement, his heart gave out and at age 44 he passed away on July 3 1904.

Before he died, he wrote a message to the youth: "I truly believe that even after we have obtained our land, Eretz Israel, Zionism will not cease to be an ideal. For Zionism, as I understand it, includes not only the aspiration to secure a legally recognized territory for our downtrodden people, but also an aspiration

towards moral and spiritual integrity."

The Zionist movement continued its struggle, and when Ben Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel on May 15, 1948, the majestic figure of Theodore Herzl from his portrait looked down on the assembly. Herzl Centenary Chair Sara Vered reflected, "The events that propelled Herzl to form the Zionist movement have an every familiarity today. We are still engaged in our struggle against anti-Semitism, using diplomacy, and advocacy as Herzl practiced over 100 years ago. We have the need for a strong Zionist movement to preserve the ideals of Zionism and to link Jews throughout the world to Israel as home and sanctuary."

Sara Vered continued, "Over one hundred years later, we are the beneficiaries of both the reality of Eretz Israel and the ideals that drove its creation. Let us remember Herzl's words, 'Our lives are but moments in the eternal existence of our people - make these moments count.'" For more information, call Penni Namer, Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program Manager (798-9818, ext. 276 or pnamer@jccottawa.com).



Tamir Judaic Outreach Programs May - June 2004

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| Wednesdays | Judaic Studies Cantor Benlolo & Leah | Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadolny Sachs Private | 6:00 - 7:30 |
| Thursdays | Sing & Play Along Rena Herman | 840 Broadview Fun for Everyone | 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Thursdays | Tamir Choir Cantor Benlolo & Leah | Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadolny Sachs Private | 6:00 - 7:00 |
| Thursdays | Let's Learn Hebrew Rena Herman | Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadolny Sachs Private | 7:00 - 8:00 |
| Thursday May 6 | Lag Ba'Omer Bonfire / Games | SJCC Field 21 Nadolny Sachs Private | 4:30 - 6:30 |
| Wednesday May 12 | Cooking & Noshing / Blintzes Barbara & Leah | Hillel Lodge 10 Nadolny Sachs Private | 6:00 - 7:30 |
| Friday May 14 | Tamir Shabbaton Services & Dinner | Beth Shalom 151 Chapel Street | 6:00 |
| Saturday May 15 | Tamir Shabbaton Services & Kiddush | Beth Shalom 151 Chapel Street | 9:00 |
| Sunday May 16 | Jewish Holiday Celebration RSVP | Rideau Regional Smiths Falls | 11:00 - 3:00 |
| Wednesday June 2 | Torah Workshop Rabbi Blum | Tamir Boardroom 11 Nadolny Sachs Private | 6:00 - 7:30 |
| Sunday June 6 | Mitzvah for the Earth Lunch RSVP | Tamir Garden 11 Nadolny Sachs Private | 10:00 - 3:00 |
| Sunday June 6 | Interfaith Concert Tamir Volunteers | Beth Shalom 151 Chapel Street | 6:00 - 9:30 |
| Sunday June 13 | Shavuot RSVP | Rideau Regional Smiths Falls | 11:00 - 3:00 |
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Raw Apple Muffins

Makes 16 muffins

(219 calories each, 31 per cent calories from fat)

This recipe comes from Marion Cunningham's, *The Breakfast Book* (Alfred Knopf, 1987). I hesitate to even call these muffins. They are more like apples and raisins held together with a bit of batter. For the best results, I like to use a combination of Macintosh and Granny Smith apples. Usually, 2 of each type of apple will yield 4 cups chopped apple. For the raisins, try the President's Choice organic raisins. They are big and plump. Even my sister Jody, one of the most health conscious people I know, would approve of these muffins as an occasional snack.

- 4 cups peeled and diced apples
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease 16 muffin tins.

Put 3 mixing bowls on the counter. Mix the apples and sugar in one bowl and set aside. Put the eggs, oil and vanilla in the second bowl and stir to blend well. In the third bowl, put the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, and stir the mixture with a fork until blended.

Stir the egg mixture into the apples and sugar, and mix thoroughly. Sprinkle the flour mixture over the apple mixture and mix well. Sprinkle the raisins over the batter and mix until they are well distributed. Spoon into the muffin tins.

Bake for about 25 minutes, or until a straw comes out clean when inserted into centre of a muffin. Serve warm.

A healthier choice: muffins with no trans-fats

It is impossible to pick up a newspaper without reading about evil trans fats.

For those who still are confused, trans fat is made when manufacturers add hydrogen to vegetable oil - a process called hydrogenation.

The good news is that hydrogenation increases shelf life and flavour stability of foods containing these fats. The bad news is that the trans-fats formed by the hydrogenation process cause a significant increase in LDL (the bad cholesterol). This causes the arteries to clog up and increases the risk of coronary heart disease.

In light of this news, I have begun to pay much closer attention to labels on packaged foods. I have made a decision to stop purchasing all packaged goods with trans-fats in them.

The problem is that Canadian manufacturers are not obliged by law to list trans-fats on the label. The key words to look for are shortening, partially hydrogenated vegetable oil and hydrogenated vegetable oil. I do not buy anything with these words on the label. My children have begun complaining that there is nothing left in the house for them to snack on.

Here are two muffin recipes that contain no trans-fats. The first recipe, for raw apple muffins, uses canola oil and is a healthier alternative to those colossal coffee shop muffins that are loaded with unhealthy fats. The second recipe, for coffee cake muffins, uses butter, which while containing no trans-fats does contain saturated fat. The majority opinion on saturated fats is that consumption of them should be kept low. These are a special occasion muffin, but well worth the splurge.

Coffee Cake Muffins

Makes 16 muffins

(443 calories each, 45 per cent calories from fat).

Save these muffins for the weekend when you are entertaining brunch guests. They are a special treat not meant for everyday. Although they are baked in a muffin tin and called muffins, they are really more like a cake. All your guests will be asking for this recipe. I learned how to make these muffins when I worked at the David Wood Food Shop in Toronto in 1988. More than 16 years and many muffin recipes later these are still the best muffins I have ever eaten.

The initial oven temperature of 400 degrees F may seem high, but a hot oven at the beginning of the baking journey will ensure volcanic, high peaked muffins.

Filling:

- 3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 cup pecans, toasted and chopped
- 1/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Muffin:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups cake and pastry flour

- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups sour cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 16 muffin tins and set aside.

Combine brown sugar, pecans, chocolate chips, cocoa, coffee and cinnamon in a bowl and mix well together.

Cream the butter and sugar together in an electric mixer until light and fluffy, at least 5 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the vanilla.

Sift together all-purpose flour, cake flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

With the mixer set on low, add half the flour mixture, then half the sour cream, the other half of the flour and the rest of the sour cream. Make sure there are no pockets of unincorporated flour.

Spoon the mixture into the muffin cups, adding the filling in the middle: fill the cups 1/3 full, distribute all the filling, then fill up with the rest of the batter.

Bake in preheated oven for about 20-25 minutes, until muffins are golden brown and springy to the touch. Check muffins after 10 minutes of baking. If they are getting too brown, reduce the temperature to 325 degrees F for the last 10-15 minutes.

Set on a wire rack to cool slightly for about 5 minutes. Remove muffins from muffin tin and serve warm or at room temperature.

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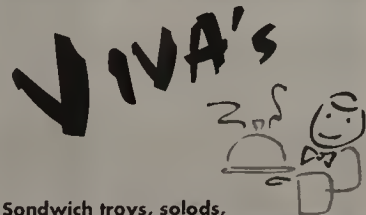


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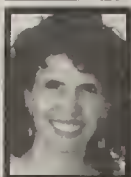
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The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Some non-fiction books to pique your interest.

The Girl Watchers Club:
Lessons from the Battlegrounds of Life
By Harry Stein
HarperCollins
Hardcover, 2004

Even September 11 could not stop the Girl Watchers club from being convened as it had been, weekly, for close to 40 years. (The all-male members needed each other to make sense of the horrific event.) Moe, Cooper, Huff, Harry, Su and Earl – men now in their 70s and 80s – had aged together, entering manhood during the Depression, managing through the life cycle in an America far more innocent than it is today. Though their backgrounds were very different, their life experiences put them on common ground – the war, the 60s, and their attitudes to them. Stein admits that no one group of people, especially one so small, could ever entirely be representative of their generation. The weekly luncheon club comes pretty close.

If you're into political correctness, don't read this book. If you enjoy ruminating about ideas and life lessons, then – like Stein, who was allowed to enter the Girl Watchers' world – this book will make you wonder, too, why "the attitudes and values with which [these men] came of age have been everywhere in retreat ... the very qualities most associated with the Second World War generation – love of country, a sense of duty, a strong commitment to family – were precisely the ones for which they were often dismissed as dinosaurs or (talk

A little bit of this and a little bit of that

about a misnomer!) as "angry white men." Stein brings their conversations and debates about the world around them to life with skill, humour and poignancy.

Envy

By Joseph Epstein
Oxford University Press
Hardcover, 2003

Envy was published by Oxford as part of a lecture and book series on the Seven Deadly Sins co-sponsored with the New York Public Library. The purpose: "to invite scholars and writers to chart the ways we have approached and understood evil, one deadly sin at a time."

When Epstein – author, essayist and editor – was approached to do a book for the series, three of the sins were "already spoken for" leaving him with anger, sloth, lust and envy to choose from. He chose envy for its pervasiveness; it figures into the other sins and he tells you why. And he tells you in a wonderfully witty and perceptive collection of 14 mini-essays. Throughout, he opines that he, too, suffers from the "little deadly sin." Talent, especially, turns him green. But then, literary occupations are probably more prone to envy than others, he suggests, just as youth and Jews are on the high end of the enviable scale (he elaborates in chapters "The Young, God Damn Them" and "Our Good Friends, the Jews"). A fine little read!

The George Gershwin Reader

By Robert Wyatt and John Andrew Johnson
Oxford University Press
Hardcover, 2004

Written by a concert pianist and Gershwin authority (Wyatt) and an assistant professor of musicology (Johnson), this book is a compendium of writings by and about Gershwin, one of America's most famous composers (of popular songs, symphonies, opera and piano pieces), and conductor and pianist.

George Gershwin was a giant even in his own time, enjoying celebrity status both at home and abroad. Critics frowned upon his lack of "formal compositional technique" even as he drew unprecedented crowds to his musical performances. This book offers a glimpse into a talented yet equally complex man – "constantly vibrant" yet "troubled

and dark," with an "ability to shift moods quickly and drastically" – through biographical sketches, interviews, testimonials, letters, feature articles, poetry. Some of the more famous commentators excerpted here: critic Robert Benchley, fellow composers Jerome Kern and Irving Berlin, composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein.

Letters 1925-1975: Hannah Arendt and Martin Heidegger
Edited by Ursula Ludz
(Translated from the German by Andrew Shields)
Harcourt, Inc./ Distributed by Raincoast Books
Hardcover, 2004

If you like puzzles, this book of letters might appeal to you. The exchanges, with their time lapses and hidden meanings and implications, imply a complex relationship ("pupil-teacher," intellectual, intimate, even though there was 17 years age difference) between the Jewish Hannah Arendt, teacher of political science and philosophy, and the German intellectual and 20th century philosopher, Martin Heidegger. History buffs will be interested in the perceptions and interpretations of the historical times seen through the eyes of two very different people from opposing backgrounds.

Heidegger-heavy, the correspondence includes all of the surviving letters between him and Arendt – from postcards and notes, to draft texts and letters – published together for the first time. An understanding of Heidegger's and Arendt's works helps in appreciating their communications; a list of their works is provided as a supplement.

The State Of Israel vs. Adolph Eichmann
By Hanna Yablanka
Schoken Books/ Random House Inc.
Hardcover, 2004

Historian and professor of Jewish history at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Yablanka set out to write a book about the 1961 trial in Jerusalem of "Nazi arch-criminal, Adolph Eichmann." Buoying her research was her belief that more study is needed to understand how Holocaust survivors integrated into Israeli society and how the Eichmann trial fit into "the developing Israeli entity." *Eichmann* delves into the trial logistics and how the judges judged, what affect the trial had on Israeli society (including the survivors themselves and Israeli-Arabs), what kind of trial it was and what purpose it fulfilled for Israel's government and politicians, and how it contributed to the memory of the Holocaust and to Israel's own image of herself. "The trial took place during the young state's bar-mitzvah year ... [and] symbolized the beginning of the young state coming of age."

Interesting and thoroughly researched.



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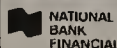


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Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Lerner Publications recently sent me three reference books on Israel.

The books are brief, fast-paced, colourful and interesting. They have numerous photographs, illustrations, headings, sub-headings and sidebars. Each is part of a series and hence conforms to a template that includes a glossary, bibliography and index.

In order of review, the books' perspectives on Israel are: (1) a student's travel guide to ancient Israel; (2) an overview of modern Israel with brief reference to its history; and (3) focusing on one city, a history of Jerusalem at sunset.

Your Travel Guide to Ancient Israel

By Joseph Sherman

Lerner Publications Company 2004
80 pps. Ages 9 - 13

Your Travel Guide to Ancient Israel is part of the Lerner Publications' Passport to History series. Printed on golden paper to represent vellum or parchment, this attention to detail enhances the reader's sense of time travel and place. As I looked at the pages, I found myself remembering the glorious honey-coloured stones of Jerusalem at sunset.

Written in an upbeat modern style, readers are invited to imagine themselves touring Israel at the time of King Solomon. Like all good tour guides, this one starts with the basics – getting ready for the trip, a map, information on climate, clothes, language, etc. It then proceeds to on-site details – cities to visit, customs, the economy, food, where to stay, shopping and such.

Although the traveller doesn't meet King Solomon, readers will learn what was eaten in the palace and in the countryside. Photographs of artifacts, illuminated manuscripts and the land provide a visual feast of the time.

Israel from three perspectives

Your Travel Guide to Ancient Israel also includes a timeline, recipes, maps, activities, list of web sites and keen sidebars. Altogether, it is a fun, informative read.

Israel in Pictures

By Margaret J. Goldstein

Lerner Publications Company 2004
80 pps. Ages 10 - 18

First published in 1988, this revised and expanded 2nd edition of *Israel in Pictures* is part of Lerner Publications' Visual Geography Series. For an overview, it is surprisingly comprehensive. Best of all for students, it is keyed to the series' web site, www.vgsbooks.com.

The crisply written text has chapters on the land, history and government, the people, cultural life and the economy. As are all the topics described in the book, the *intifada* is dealt with in a fair, impartial manner. The style is reportage, not judgment, in this instance with just a hint of sadness.

Excellent maps, oodles of pictures, interesting sidebars, a timeline to 2002, a list of famous people and sites to see, all help make *Israel in Pictures* a first choice for learning about Israel.

Daily Life in Ancient and Modern Jerusalem

By Diane Slavik

Illustrations by Ray Webb
Runestone Press/Lerner Publishing Group 2001
64 pps. Ages 9 - 13

Daily Life in Ancient and Modern Jerusalem is part of Lerner Publications' series *Daily Life in Ancient and Modern*. Beginning with the city's founding as a group of tents set up by nomadic peoples who turned to farming, the book is history at a gallop.

Each double-page spread – text, photographs, illustrations – deals with one specific topic, hustling readers through Jerusalem in Biblical times, Greek and Roman times, the Middle Ages, the Ottoman Empire, the British Mandate and modern times. For the most part, its thumbnail generalizations are adequate.

My one caveat, and it's a huge one, concerns the author's description of Jerusalem in modern times (see the



From *Israel in Pictures*

timeline) as a divided city – “barbed wire” – and, after the Six Day War, as “Israel defies the UN by expanding its territory and declaring Jerusalem its capital.”

Is this presentation, and the related comments in the text, anti-Jewish/pro-Arab bias or political correctness to sell more books? I don't know. What I do know is that I strongly disagree with these generalizations and I'd strongly recommend a different book for the history of Jerusalem from the First World War on. Thus even amid something good from a reputable publisher, an example of the need for vigilance.

Happy Independence Day, Israel! May peace be yours and may you grow from strength to strength.

Theodore Herzl Commemoration

On July 3, 2004, we mark the 100th anniversary of the passing of Theodore Herzl.

In tribute to his life and the Zionist Movement, the Vered Israel Cultural & Educational Centre will host a commemorative program at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

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at 7:30pm**

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As we celebrate Israel's Independence Day, it's important to balance hope and reality. Our hope is that Israel will live in peace and security and that Jews will finally cease to be targets of hatred and violence. But only in Disney fantasies can "wishing make it so." The reality is that for the last 100 years there has been a bitter struggle to re-establish a Jewish state in a predominantly Arab region.

The world has only begun to know of this struggle in the last few years. For pre-state Zionism, and for Israel since independence (1948), it has been an ever-present reality that has varied only in scope and intensity.

Overviews

In this column, I want to focus mainly on the history of struggle prior to the current terrorism. First, I will select a

few sites that give an overview of this history, and will then mention a few that help us recall and honour the men and women who fought for Israel's independence in 1948.

Many are familiar with the periodically updated *Myths and Facts* pamphlet that deals with the issues and history of the Arab-Israel conflict by pinpointing various myths about it and then presenting facts and evidence. This essential publication is now available on the Web, in an updated and expanded edition, with many documents to supplement the text. When you go to the site, check out the index of myths as a convenient way to deal with arguments that still appear in the media and in public discussion.

The Jewish Agency has published a background on the origins of the Arab-Jewish conflict from 1881 to the founding of the state of Israel in 1948. Particularly from 1920/21 onward, Arab resistance to Jewish settlement was violent. The subsequent history of conflict is conveniently summarized in two reliable sites. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs published a synopsis by Netanel Lorch taking the story to the early 1990s. The Anti-Defamation League presented a more detailed set of Web pages on the conflict to the 1990s. Recent history is illustrated by a tabulation of major terrorist attacks of the last 10 years, with links to further information.

ing village. Menachem Begin then joined the ship, which tried to unload the rest of the cargo in Tel Aviv. Ben-Gurion then ordered the army to prevent this, having earlier told the cabinet: "We must decide whether to hand over power to Begin or to order him to cease his separate activities. If he does not do so, we will open fire! Otherwise, we must decide to disperse our own army."

The Atalena affair is a horrible reminder that internal political struggles can threaten to undermine the need for united effort. Here again, we have to remember the watchword: Never again!

Websites

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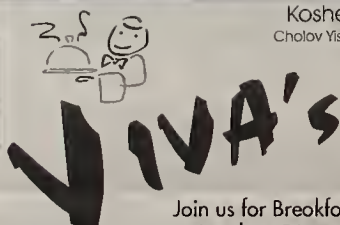
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MONDAY
APRIL 26
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration: Israel In Song, sponsored by The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.



TUESDAY
APRIL 27
Yom Ha'Atzmaut Flag Raising Ceremony, sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, 10:00 am.

SUNDAY
MAY 2
The Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Israeli House, 7:30 pm

MONDAY
MAY 3
Kollet of Ottawa, Second Ottawa Roundtable Conference on Business Ethics and Jewish Law, 5:15 pm. Dinner and conference \$50. Ticket info: 729-4398.

TUESDAY
MAY 4
State of Israel Bonds Women's Division presents Diane Craig from Image International, The Look, The Pulse, The Power, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, Pre-registration & boutique exhibitors, 6:00 - 7:00 pm., Seminar 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY
MAY 6
SJCC Lag Baomer Celebration, 4:00 pm.

SUNDAY
MAY 9
AJA50+ On Display, showcasing the talents of

AJA50+members, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 1:30 pm.

Agudath Israel Congregation Lag Baomer Celebration, Agudath Israel, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 1:30 pm.

A Touch of Klez Open Rehearsals, Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:00 pm. Jaissetters Lag Baomer BBO, Shokin residence, 5:00 pm.



CANDLELIGHTING

Apr 30 ☆ 7:51 pm
May 7 ☆ 7:59 pm
May 14 ☆ 8:08 pm
May 21 ☆ 8:16 pm

COMING SOON

TUESDAY, MAY 11
Hillel Academy AUCTION 2004, 7:00 pm. Ticket info: 737-0825.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
State of Israel Bonds Ottawa, "Ambassadors of Peace," honouring Ambassador Haim Divon and daughter Michelle Divon, Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street, 6:00 pm. Ticket info: 792-1142.

SATURDAY, MAY 15
Ottawa Modern Jewish School, 50th anniversary honouring founding OMJS families, 7:00-10:00 pm, 73 Loach Isle Road. Ticket info: 745-1743.

SUNDAY, MAY 16
Agudath Israel Congregation, Tribute Retirement Dinner in honour of Rabbi Arnold Fine. Ticket info: 728-3501.
UJA Women's Campaign, An evening with The Honourable Madame Justice Rosalie Abella, 8:00 pm, the Westin Hotel. Ticket info: 798-4696, ext. 270
Emanah Women of Ottawa, Congregation Machzikei Hadas present humorist Michael Wex, 7:00 pm. Ticket info: 241-5613.

TUESDAY, MAY 18
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society, Beverley Zalfman speaks about the history of the Teller Family, 7:30 pm, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue.



Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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